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1. IN A SURPRISE MOVE JANUARY 10, GISCARD APPOINTED TWO MORE WOMEN TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PROMOTED ONE TO THE RANK OF MINISTER, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO SIX. WHILE GENERATING THE EXPECTED CYNICAL COMMENTS CONCERNING THE ELECTORAL MOTIVATION BEHIND THE APPOINTMENTS, NO ONE FAULTED THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE WOMEN FOR THE JOBS. ALICE SAUNIER-SEITE (BIOGRAPHIC CABLE: REF A), APPOINTED MINISTER FOR UNIVERSITIES, HAS WELL ESTABLISHED CREDENTIALS RESULTING FROM HER WORK AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR UNIVERSITIES. MONIQUE PELLETIER (BIO: REF B), APPOINTED LAST JUNE AS HEAD OF A TASK FORCE ON DRUGS, WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE MINISTRY
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OF JUSTICE WITH AS YET UNSPECIFIED DUTIES. NICOLE PASQUIER (BIO SEPTTEL), APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOR IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS, HAS SERVED SINCE SEPTEMBER 1976 AS A NATIONAL DELEGATE FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS.

2. WOMEN CONSTITUTE 52 PERCENT OF THE FRENCH ELECTO-

RATE. OF THE 224 RPR (GAULLIST) CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ONLY 4 ARE WOMEN. THE PR (GISCARDIANS) DID A LITTLE BETTER WITH 5 AMONG THEIR 105 CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED SO FAR. ONLY THE PC HAS A RESPECTABLE NUMBER: 160 WOMEN AMONG THEIR 816 CANDIDATES. GISCARD, WHO HAS REPEATEDLY CALLED FOR INCREASED ATTENTION TO WOMEN, HAS NOW MADE AT LAST A SYMBOLIC MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION.
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